Times-Virginian Church News

The Pastor Speaks

By REX BENNETT

Matthew 6:15-34

In Matthew 6:15-34, Jesus deals with a problem with which we are all familiar - the problem of anxious care, undue worry, or anxiety. We all have our anxieties, and our basic difficulty is that we allow our anxieties to control us rather than our controlling them.

First, Jesus tells us to apply our common sense to the problem. In other words, most of our worries are unnecessary. This is what Jesus' words about the "fowls of the air" and "the lilies of the field" is all about - birds are fed without undue worry, flowers grow without anxiety. It is the encompassing providence that assures us that these things shall happen. So we must trust His providence to provide the essentials for living God will come through if we trust Him, so to worry about such things is unnecessary.

Second, Jesus tells us to check up on our priorities. What is first place in our lives; what is the first priority in your life? Notice verse 33: "...seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things (essentials for living) will be added unto you." Simply said, our first priority belongs to God; our primary loyalty is to His kingdom of righteousness; so that if we sink or swim in life all is well with us because God is with us.

Third, Jesus tells us to learn to live one day at a time. Verse 34 reads: "Take no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself..." If we could only believe that; if we could honestly accept this present moment in our lives as a gift from God, then much of our anxieties would disappear. The fact is, all we really have is the present moment, and we should live that moment as life should be lived. Our young people have an expression which says it very well: "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." Someone once asked Will Rogers, the cowboy philosopher, "If you had 48 hours to live, how would you live them?" He answered: "One hour at a time. One hour at a time!"

The unity in Christ

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

Unity In Christ

Lesson for November 22, 1981

Introduction

Unity is a premium in a world of fragmentation and brokenness. Most of us desire, even crave for some sense of togetherness or community, and when there is no sense of belonging we may find ourselves falling apart. Or, we may need to look in another direction to find the feeling of community we want and need.

When there is true community there is unity. The converse of this is also true, that is, where there is true unity you will find community. When people pool their resources and truly care for one another, they form a covenant that builds community and a feeling of togetherness. There is possibly no greater feeling than the feeling of belonging.

When Christ came he labored to build his church, a community of believers who would carry on his ministry of healing and reconciliation. The church was instituted to give Jesus' followers a community base from which they would go out and introduce people to the kingdom and minister to their brokenness.

But even in the Christian community we may find discord and brokenness. The church is also involved in the struggle to maintain the ministry of reconciliation within its own ranks. Unless the church can demonstrate its willingness to be work for unity within itself, it will not be able to work for unity in the world. The church must set a good example by solving its problems in a spirit of compassion.

Lesson In Humility [Eph. 4:1-3]

Paul could better speak about humility as the Ephesian church was not a church because of his position as a prisoner. He charged them to walk worthily in a spirit of "...lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, upholding one another in love."

Paul basically describes the Christian life as a walk or journey. Another way to say it is to describe the Christian's journey as a pilgrimage. Pilgrims are people who are on a journey with a goal or destination in mind.

The life-style of the Christian pilgrim is to reflect a walk with Christ.

There is a spirit let loose in our world that seeks to corrupt, divide and destroy. This was evident in the "demonic" spirit which ruled Germany in the reign of Hitler, or modern "demonic" spirits which prey upon the poor and the powerless in our society.

A Unity of Faith [Eph. 4:4-6]

The theme of the Christian message is oneness. Christians acknowledge and share in a fellowship of togetherness or unity. We are "one body, one Spirit, one hope." When one of us suffers, all suffer. When one of us has cause for celebration, we all celebrate.

The focus of the Christian and of the church is Christ. It is he that gives unity to the faith. Whenever we confess him as Lord we will be united in one faith and one baptism. This does not imply that we all not have disagreements or differing interpretations of the faith, but it does mean we rally around the supreme basis of our faith-Christ Jesus.

A Unity In Fellowship [Eph. 4:7-16]

There is generally diversity in unity. Unity does not necessarily imply uniformity or sameness. Our differences are not rejected or seen as a threat to unity. So often certain persons are rejected within the church because their gift(s) do not seem to fit in. All gifts are to be used to strengthen the "body of Christ" and to minister to the broken and lost.

Certain gifts were bestowed upon leaders within the church who were charged to build up and equip the "body of believer." But all gifts and contributions are important to the support of the whole.

The body works best when all parts are working together. When one part of the body hurts or fails to function, the rest of the body feels the weight or loss of the affected member.

In the church we may notice that unless each member plays his or her role, the whole membership suffers to some degree. Everyone has a part or function that contributes to the ministry and unity of the church.

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REV. JAMES VAUGHT AND WIFE, Jeanne, son, Scott, and daughter, Lindsay, have accepted pastorship of Red Oak Baptist Church located in Oakville. Rev. Vaught was the chaplain at Bedford County Memorial Hospital. Appomattox welcomes Rev. Vaught and family to this area.

Gospel sing set

A gospel sing will be held at Vera Church of God on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

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Letters

Rogers Memorial

Editor:

During this past summer our church and our community experienced a tragedy in the death of Lisa Rogers.

Lisa was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Her love and dedication to God, church and community was a beautiful example of Christian witness in all walks of life.

To all who knew her she left beautiful memories.

Each of us found something special in her smile, her songs and her love of people, young and old.

A memorial fund has been established at Red Oak Baptist Church in memory of Lisa.

Anyone wishing to share in this memorial may do so by sending their contribution to:

The Lisa Rogers Memorial Fund, Red Oak Baptist Church, Route 4, Appomattox, Va.

Mrs. Ruby Williamson,
Chairman
Mrs. Dot Wilkerson
Mrs. Iris Woody
Mrs. Nell Cabaniss
Rev. Jim Vaught, Pastor

Editor:

August 30, 1981 peace and tranquility was shattered in the Oakville community of Appomattox Co. with the death of Lisa Rogers.

Not a day has gone by since then, that I along with many others have not thought of Lisa.

Memories of her are many. I hear a young girl singing; hear a piano being played; see a girl full of life; see a girl helping and caring for an adult, one of her own peers or a younger child; see a girl that you know is a Christian because her actions are of that quality whether she is in school,at a ball game or at church; these things I see and they bring memories of Lisa.

Because of these memories I asked her family if we could start a Memorial Fund and they agreed. Lisa's church Red Oak Baptist of Oakville has agreed to the Memorial Fund and set up a special account to be in receipt of contributions to the Lisa Rogers Memorial Fund c/o Red Oak Baptist Church, Appomattox, Va.

If additional information is desired you may contact church officials or Ruby Williamson - 352-7277, Dot Wilkerson - 352-7385, Nell Cabaniss - 352-7280, Iris Woody - 352-7514.

Yes, we have endured a great loss but Lisa's life was not in vain. She has left a legacy behind that strengthens each of us and it is to these memories we remain.

In Memory Of....
....Lisa

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School Bus Safety

Editor's Note: The following information was compiled by the Appmattox County School Board and is published here as a public service to the Times-Virginian's readers.

Acceptable student behavior on each school bus is essential for the safety and health of students and drivers. Operating the bus is a tremendous responsibility. Therefore, unacceptable behavior on the part of students can distract from the bus driver's attention. This situation can often lead to accidents.

The school system is working with students, parents and school employees during this session to improve student conduct on buses. This can not be achieved without the involvement and support of parents. You are requested to talk with your children about the importance of acceptable behavior on the school buses, and we know that you will work with us to correct problems when they occur. The plan which the school system is implementing this year to improve behavior on school buses includes the following steps:

Students are informed of conduct rules and regulations.

Students are requested to take home to parents copies of the conduct rules and regulations.

School bus drivers are instructed to be courteous, friendly, firm and consistent with students.

Bus drivers are requested to attempt to correct problems as they occur.

If the same student continues to create problems, the bus driver is instructed to submit a disciplinary notice to the transportation supervisor.

The transportation supervisor and the school principal will meet with the student to discuss the problem and, in many instances, parents will be contacted.

Continued disruption will result in the student being removed from the school bus for a period of time. A conference with the parents, student and school officials will be required before the student is allowed to return to the bus.

The plan which is being implemented is for the safety of students. Parents want students to exhibit good behavior on the school buses and they will not accept a situation where a few students are creating hazardous conditions for all occupants of the bus. "We ask for your support and we request that you report to us any information which you think school officials should know in order to correct or prevent undesirable behavior," stated Lloyd Walton, Division Superintendent.

AMS News

In observance of American Education Week (Nov. 16-20), Appomattox Middle School Parents are invited to visit our school on Thursday, Nov. 19, and enjoy coffee and morning snacks in the Home Economics Dept. - Room 206 - from 11:00-11:30 a.m. This will give parents an opportunity to visit and "take a look around" the school during a regular school day. The faculty, staff and students sincerely hope to see many of our parents on Thursday morning!

Monday, Nov. 16 was a nice holiday for students and a productive workday for teachers. AMS teachers received some very special training from Mr. Bill Freedman of the Lynchburg Health Department. Mr. Freedman presented information on accidental choking, usually due to food becoming lodged in the throat of the victim. He then instructed the faculty on how to perform the Heimlich Maneuver, a life-saving technique for removing a foreign body from the trachea or pharynx where it is preventing flow of air to the lungs. Many thanks to Mr. Freedman for helping our teachers make AMS a safer placer for learning.

Middle School Menu

Thurs., Nov. 19 - Vegetable Soup, grilled cheese sandwich, apple sauce, crackers, milk.

Fri., Nov. 20 - Submarine sandwich, french fries, mixed fruit, milk.

Mon., Nov. 23 - Beans and franks, boiled cabbage, fruit, cornbread, milk.

Tues., Nov. 24 - Chuckwagon patlie, macaroni and cheese, string beans, hot roll, milk.

Wed., Nov. 25 Sliced turkey and gravy, whipped potatoes, green peas, cranberry sauce, hot roll, milk.

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AT A STATED MEETING of Monroe Lodge#301 on October 12,1981, District Deputy George B. Kelsey is shown presenting Brother Lewis C. McDearmon with his 50 year pin.

Menus

Appomattox Primary Menu

Wed., Nov. 18 - Chuck wagon pattie, lima beans, roll, butter, peaches, milk.

Thurs., Nov. 19 - Hamburger on bun, french fries, pork and beans, milk.

Fri., Nov. 20 - Fish, greens, corn meal rolls, butter, mixed fruit, milk.

Mon., Nov. 23 - Corn dog, string beans, french fries, milk.

Tues., Nov. 24 - Turkey, green peas, candied yams, roll, butter, milk.

Wed., Nov. 25 - Vegetable soup, crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, apple sauce, milk.

Pamplin Elem School

Wed., Nov. 18 - Bologna, corn on cob, green beans, roll, milk.

Thurs., Nov. 19 - Pizza, fruit, potato chips, milk.

Fri., Nov. 20 - Sausage Pattie, potato tots, baked apples, biscuit, milk.

Mon., Nov. 23 - Chicken salad, turnip greens, jello w fruit, roll, milk.

Tues., Nov. 24 - Chicken Noodle Soup, cheese sandwich, fruit, milk.

Wed., Nov. 25 - Turkey w dressing, whipped potatoes, green peas, fruit, roll, milk.

Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Mon., Nov. 30 - Hot dogs, potato tots, apple turnovers and milk.

'Enterprise' week planned

The Appomattox DECA Chapter will be sponsoring Free Enterprise Week November 18-25, 1981. This is a community-based activity and is designed to promote Marketing and Free Enterprise. We feel as Americans we should be proud of our Freedom and promote these freedoms.

The week will be filled with a variety of activities. To kick-off the week, a proclaimation will be signed by Mayor Ronnie Spiggle. There will be an assembly program on Friday, November 20 for the Marketing students and the Senior Class. We will have a guest speaker from Dow Chemical Company. In addition we will be sponsoring an Essay Contest and Poster Contest.

The posters will be distributed to local merchants to promote Free Enterprise Community-wide. In addition we will be preparing a radio commercial to be used on WTTX. For additional publicity we have purchased a television spot to use of WSET.

We appreciate the support of the local merchants, parents, and community. We hope you will help in our promotion of Free Enterprise. If you would like to help, please call the Marketing Dept. (352-5317).

Galilee news

Impressive services were held at The Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday at the regular 11 a.m. worship service. The assistant pastor, The Rev. Albert Davis, spoke on the subject "The Master's Touch". All present enjoyed the message. The senior choir rendered beautiful music. The Youth Services Singers rendered a special selection under the direction of Mrs. Mable Goode. Several visitors were present.

The Rev. Tim Lawing and the Galilee Senior Choir will render 3 p.m. services at the First Liberty Church in Buckingham. In addition, The Rev. Lawing and the "Echoes of Joy" will be special guests at the Jordan Baptist Church this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. This program is a harvest festival celebration.

The East and West Bound Sunday School Union will convene on the Morning Star Sunday School this fifth Sunday at 10 a.m. All schools are urged to be present. The pastor of the host church will deliver the message and special music will be rendered by the church choir.

Mrs. Alpha Brown is improving slowly in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. George A. Martin will be honored on Heaven's Day, December 2, by the Virginia Seminary and College. He will be presented the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.

Deacon Floyd Daniels is improving in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

All Sunday school teachers and members are asked to meet at the church this Saturday at 2 p.m. The "YSD" will host the meeting. Please come prepared for our Christmas rehearsal.

All friends and choir members taking the trip to Buckingham are requested to meet at Galilee at 1:45 p.m. We plan to leave the church at 2 p.m. sharp.

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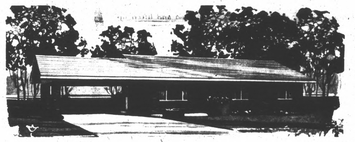

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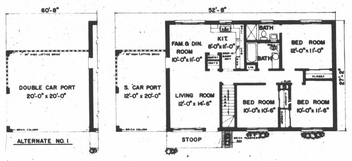

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